

Product Comparison



There may be other options available for commercial kitchen floors, but quarry tile remains the best choice for a variety of reasons.

There is a reason quarry tile is specified for more commercial kitchens than any other product. When comparing quarry tile to three other possible options - based on seven key criteria - none stand up to the performance, longevity, and value of quarry tile.

METROPOLITAN CERAMICS® QUARRY TILE

1	Relieved edges/tight die skin - resists chipping.	✓
2	Fired at temp. over 2,000 °F. - inert material.	✓
3	Dense - 1/2" thick body - very durable.	✓
4	Extruded - vitreous - resists freeze/thaw.	✓
5	Exceeds DCOF testing baseline - slip resisting.	✓
6	Projected life cycle of well over 50 years.	✓
7	Through the body color and hard surface.	✓

Seven Key Criteria

1. Does not easily chip.
2. Does not contribute to mold/bacteria growth.
3. Resists breaking.
4. Suitable for hot and cold areas.
5. Slip resistance.
6. Long life cycle.
7. Resists wear and staining.

✓	COMMERCIAL KITCHEN READY
—	UNDERPERFORMED
✗	NOT SUITABLE FOR COMMERCIAL KITCHENS

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1	Subject to chipping and cracking. —	Subject to chipping and cracking. —	When impacted can chip easily. —
2	Seams between tiles can harbor bacteria. —	Chips and cracks can harbor bacteria. —	Poor sealing and expansion/contraction cracks can allow bacteria growth. ✗
3	Subject to breaking. Will not stand up well to impact. —	Subject to breaking. Will not stand up well to impact. —	Does not easily break. ✓
4	High heat will cause delamination of the tiles. ✗	Product will melt when it comes in contact with hot grease. ✗	Changes in temperature can contribute to cracks and deterioration. —
5	Smooth surface can become slippery when wet or greasy. ✗	May become slippery when wet or greasy. Aggregate may help. —	Smooth finishes may easily become slippery. ✗
6	Product will likely need replacing every few years. —	Chips and cracks will need repairing regularly and repair fumes are toxic. ✗	Floor will need sealing regularly and over time will need to be replaced. —
7	Surface will wear showing stains and traffic patterns. —	Does not hold up well to commercial traffic. —	Can easily stain especially when sealer is compromised. —



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